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GOD IS LOVE

THE PILLAR

THE TRUTH

HOW SHALL WE GIVE?

Give—as the morning that flows out of heaven;
Give—as the waves when their channel is riven;
Give—as the free air and sunshine are given;
Lavishly, joyfully, utterly give.

Not the waste drops from thy cup overflowing;
Not a faint spark from thy heart ever glowing;
Not a pale bud from thy June roses blowing;
Give as God gave thee, who gave thee to live.

Give as the heart gives, whose fetters are breaking,
Life, love and hope, all thy dreams and thy waking,
Soon at life's river thy soul-fever slaking,
Thou shalt know God and the gifts that He gave.

—From Poems of Pep and Point.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20 — 1TIM. 3:15

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver," 2 Cor. 9:7.

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Notices

Kentucky State Convention

The Kentucky State Convention will convene June 26-July 3.—E. W. Williams, state overseer.

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South Carolina's Youth for Christ Conference Friday and Saturday, May 17, 18, at Anderson, South Carolina

Services will open at 10:00 Friday morning, and close at 9:30 Saturday night. The *young people* from all of South Carolina are expected to be present, as well as noted speakers from other states. Much time will be given to congregational singing, music study, special music, both vocal and instrumental. We are expecting the greatest convention of all times.

Everybody welcome. Begin now to make preparation to come. Further announcements will be given later.—Zeno C. Tharp, overseer, South Carolina.

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I am open for revivals and will go any place for a meeting after April 1.—Rev. C. E. Banks, Rt. 1, Box 2021-E, Sacramento, Calif.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

God to undertake for Rev. A. J. Moore, Savannah, Ga.

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The healing of my wife of high blood pressure and a bad heart; the Lord to make a way for me to get back on the battlefield for Him.—Rev. C. N. O'Kelly, Rt. 2, Rockmart, Ga.

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God to undertake for my husband and me.—Mrs. Jessie Jenkins, Rt. 1, Fruithurst, Ala.

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The healing of my throat and neck. Encouragement appreciated. — Mrs. Annie Lou Bolon, Rt. 1, Dover, Ga.

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The healing of my body.—Mrs. Robert Copher, 1820 Indiana, Joplin, Mo.

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God to heal me of rheumatism.—Maudy Norton, Carrollton, Ga.

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The Lord to heal me of high blood pressure stroke.—Eva McColl, Scaly, N. C.

My healing of T. B.—Edd Wallace, Rt. 1, Persia, Tenn.

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The healing of my mother's head.—Mrs. Gladys Childers, Rt. 3, Farmington, Mo.

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The Lord to heal my baby of asthma and eczema.—Mrs. G. C. Stepp, Rt. 1, Lewisburg, Tenn.

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My little daughter who is past two years old and has never walked or talked. She has a spinal or brain ailment.— Mrs Ethel Browning, Wharncliffe, W. Va.

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My healing of kidney and heart trouble.— Gaynelle Crites, Moorefield, W. Va.

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God to heal my mother of stomach troubles, the healing of my sister, the healing of a friend.— Mrs. Blanch Sharpton, Rt. 4, Box 206, Augusta, Ga.

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My mother to be healed of low blood pressure, weakness and sugar diabetes; me to be healed of low blood pressure and a stiff ankle.—Mrs. Minnie Smith, Rt. 1, Beauford, N. C.

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A Soldier for Christ and Country

TEXT: 2 Timothy 2:3, *"Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of JESUS CHRIST."*

In writing this scripture, Paul knew there would be some hard things to face in this Christian life, but faith in JESUS makes it easy.

We notice, in Acts 10:7, when Cornelius wantd a messenger, he called on a devout soldier who had waited on him continually. No doubt, this soldier had proved faithful to Cornelius, so if we prove faithful to Jesus, He will call on us to work for Him. May I add, we all have something we can do for Jesus. As Cornelius sent this soldier on his way to Joppa, the soldier didn't know what he would face before he reached Joppa, neither did he know what kind of a man he was going to meet, but he was willing to do the will of the one who sent him. Likewise, we, when we start to do the will of God, do not know how hard trials we may have to face, but one thing, we do know that Jesus has promised never to leave nor forsake us, and has promised not to let us be tempted above that we are able to bear. Praise his name! Therefore, we are willing to follow Jesus and endure hardness as a good soldier.

Many may persecute us for taking our stand for God in the Army, but we cannot let down on holiness just because there is a war going on. We, indeed, have had many hard things to face in the Army. I am not making these statements to lower the standard of our Army. No, but I make these foregoing statements with witnesses, to prove what God can do in time of our need. I speak not only for myself but others also, who have been threatened with punishment if we did not take a rifle and train ourselves to kill men of other nations. Willing to suffer whatever punishment we might have received, we did not take a gun and train for that kind of life. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Take up your cross and follow me." Jesus came to this world to save life and not to destroy it. I had been following Jesus for a number of years and was preparing myself to help save lost and dying humanity, and why should I turn from the straight and narrow way and start preparing myself to destroy human life? which would mean my life for Jesus was in vain. But still willing to endure hardness as a good soldier, we stood the test.

Another time, eight of us were put out of an army chapel because of praying and praising God aloud. We went back to our barracks and started to pray there, but were forbidden to pray there above a whisper. We, in civilian life, had been free to praise the Lord when we wanted to, and it was hard to hold our voices down. We continued to fast and pray that God would give us grace to overcome these trials. Later, we moved to Camp Crowder, Missouri. Here we fasted for five weeks and ate only one meal a day in our training, praying that God would give us a place where we could worship Him like we wanted to. Finally, God spoke to me and told me to start a revival in camp. So the next night we started our open-air services. Then the devil started to grumbling and we were reported as disturbing camp. The military police came out where we were, and about time they walked up the power of the Holy Ghost fell from heaven and about twenty-five boys started shouting and speaking in tongues, and that was the last we saw of the police. God knew just when and how to work. Glory to His name! We were willing to suffer for the cause of Christ, and God brought the results with one saved, three sanctified, and seven filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, according to the second chapter of Acts. I took some of the boys and baptized them in a creek in camp. We also had the Lord's Supper and feet washing, using our helmets as basins. All this was done in twelve nights' service. Why? Because we stood for God and endured hardness as a good soldier. Many of the boys fasted and prayed every night until after midnight, but God gave the increase. Many things we faced too numerous to mention, but out of all this the Lord delivered us. Through it all I can say Jesus has been an ever-present help in the time of need.

Many do not understand why we are against going to war in combat service. Well, experience, the presence of God and the Word of God are our teacher, and we have found God's blessing and approval on our lives for taking our stand for God, and for the teaching our Church had for some twenty-five years on this subject, and this is no time for us as individuals to let down on the standard of holiness that has stood for so many years and has proved in many of our lives to be a REALITY. If you haven't had the experience, don't pass your opinion until God affirms it with His words and presence. Ask God about it. Many other members of the Church of God would speak these same words with me. Let's keep murderers, liars, idolaters, and that sort of thing out of our lives and churches and God will bless us.

The king told the Hebrew children something to do, but they stood the test and came out victorious. Peter said we ought to obey God rather than men, Acts 5:28, 29. Our Savior suffered the wrong and opened not His mouth. Are you willing to follow Jesus? If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him.

Many other things I would like to mention, including a converted Catholic from New York City who testified that the life of a Church of God boy led him to Christ as a personal Savior, but I haven't the space and time to bring all these facts out.

Just pray for us as soldiers for Christ and country as we try to prove to this world that there is a REALITY in serving Jesus. I hope to join you soon in spreading the gospel in civilian life. Amen.—Church of God evangelist, T|5 Saford H. Landreth, 33 911-886, Co. F, STR, CSCS, Camp Crowder, Missouri.

Florida Overseer Appreciated

The State of Florida is rapidly progressing in every department. A revival spirit is in the churches. Hundreds of souls are being saved and won for the Church of God. A great building program throughout the State is well under way. Every district convention has been a great success. The powerful sermons delivered by our overseer cause our hearts to melt and a greater need for missions is seen.

We are thankful for a real man of God, in the person of Rev. W. E. Johnson, and under his able leadership we shall do great things for God.—Joseph Daniel, 10 S. Seminole Ave., Ft. Meade, Fla.

RELIGION... *and the World*

• BY THE EDITOR •

UNO

Sounds rather funny, for some things the other fellow knows and in fact there are many things you don't want the other fellow to know. UNO has banded together to try to rule the world, but they simply can't afford to confide in each other as is evident by the withholding of the atomic secrets. A satanic world order is plainly in view in Rev. 13:7; 17:12-17, and kindred scriptures. This anti-Christian overlordship will oppress Christianity. Rev. 13:6-8. This combine will be judged and smitten by the presence and power of the Lord of glory, the King of kings. Revelation, 18 and 19 chapters.

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Coming Events and Present Shadows

The Scripture predicts a world order and a world ruler. That ruler is antichrist. Antichrist, after all, is religious. See Rev. 13:6. Antichrist here admits the fact of God. He also accedes the rightful place and demands of God to be worshiped by accepting worship Himself, Rev. 13:8. The political world is being headed up as an aftereffect of world wars and world problems. Antichrist will not be satisfied to wholly destroy religion; therefore, he invents and maintains a false religion. As Christ will have the Church a pure virgin for His bride, Rev. 19:8; 21:9, so will antichrist have a harlot for his bride, Rev. 17:5. This harlot I could in part name. Needless to say, however, that this harlot includes and is constituted of all those professing religious persons and groups who do not wholly follow the inspired Word. Professing Christians who do not follow God in the truth of His Word are like Israel who changed the divine order for false forms of worship, called in Hosea 1:2; Jer. 2:20; 3:6, a harlot, etc. Thus this great whore, Mystery Babylon, embodies an amalgamation of various worldly forms of religion. This harlot will side with antichrist against God. She will ride the beast, in domination. The beast will in turn support the harlot and give her place at least for a time. She will ride the beast to death and perdition, both politically and physically, Revelation 17 and 18 chapters. The bride of Christ will, however, after the marriage of the Lamb, ride with Christ upon white horses to institute the kingdom of God upon earth. Revelation 19, antichrist kingdom is arising. It will soon end with a crash of the smiting stone of Dan. 2:44, while the kingdom of Christ will fill the whole earth and stand for the age. These are momentous times, the struggle of the wicked and the righteous will end in triumph for the saints of God.

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God's Expenses

In the opinion of mankind, God is able to get along without much financial help. *Christian Observer* gives us the following comparison: Expended for the war, $86,700,000,000. Savings and investments, $40,000,000,000. Luxuries and gambling, $10,000,000,000. Liquor, $7,100,000,000. Recreation, $5,500,000,000. Tobacco, $2,700,000,000. Cosmetics, etc., $2,200,000,000. Church and charities, $1,600,000,000. Plenty for everything else but for God and the church.

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Spirituality and Science

"Neither science nor politics is a substitute for religion," declared Brig. General David Sarnoff, president of the Radio Corporation of America, in an address here before the Federal Council of Churches.

"The task of awakening the soul of man and raising his moral level is your mission, your privilege and your opportunity," Gen. Sarnoff told the churchmen.

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That Atomic Bomb

While the importance of the atomic bomb is revealed only through the efforts of nations scrambling to learn the secrets of its manufacture, some statesmen, civic leaders, churchmen, and other groups campaign for the outlawing of the atomic bomb. It remains that its secrets will be found out, and nations who are not of "good will" will develop it for purposes of war. Therefore, we may fear its consequences, knowing that man has sown with devastating effects the power of it. Man will also have to face whatever may become of it; there is no escape from the tragic fact of the knowledge of its manufacture. Atomic energy may be harnessed for the benefits of mankind, the bomb, however, is a known curse of war.

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Death

Death is cruel, but it has its rightful place in the wisdom of God. The purpose of death was not cruel, it was for the purpose of preserving purity by elimination of the wickedness of sin. Death breaks up hearts that sermons would not phase. Tenderness enters hearts through bereavement that could not be obtained any other way because of the pride and deceitfulness of the heart. Death is a great preacher; it reminds all men to think soberly as God has dealt unto them the measure of faith. God has a way of making men think. Sometimes we do not like the methods, but they, nevertheless, serve their purpose. We have yet to learn that God is love, and that by my woes to be I am made nearer my God to Thee.

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Mayor of Cincinnati

James Stewart said in his address of welcome to the Church of God, Sunday, March 17, that if the world would apply the teachings of Jesus in Matthew 22:36-40, that there would never be another war, nor another depression. Simple as it may seem, the sequel to end war rests in the application of the teachings of our Lord in these verses. A wise and appreciable mayor indeed is Mayor Stewart.

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A TRIED RELIGION

REUBEN WOODOLL

Text: *"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Rom. 8:38, 39.

We want to look for a while on these two verses of scripture. Our subject is "A Tried Religion, or Salvation."

There is considerable difference between salvation and religion. Salvation is of God, but there are all kinds of religions. There is a certain class of people who do not believe in the blood of Christ to atone for their sin. There is another class who say you have another chance after death, to get saved. But we find in Heb. 9:22 that without shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. In Heb. 9:7, we find that the high priest went into the tabernacle once each year with blood, to make atonement for himself and the people. In Rom. 5:9, we read, "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from the wrath through him."

So many people give the excuse that they have tried so many times and failed. Read 2 Tim. 1:12, "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." It means something to commit our ways unto the Lord. If we expect Him to keep us, we must be obedient to His Word. Disobedience has caused man to fall down through the ages: Saul failed through disobedience; Adam failed through disobedience; Solomon failed through disobedience. Brother, Sister, that is one of the devil's tools that he uses to cause man to fail— just to disobey God. But I am persuaded that the apostle Paul knew what he was talking about in our text, when he said neither height, nor depth, nor any other creature was able to separate us from the love of God. Then why do so many people backslide? They have separated themselves from God through disobedience. If you remember, God asked only one thing of Adam and that was to be obedient. God has asked the same of us. We have a promise in Isa. 1:19 that "if ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." Brother, Sister, Adam could have eaten the good of the land if he had been obedient. Disobedience always separates God and man.

EXHORTATION

We are exhorted in Eph. 6:11, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Also, in Eph. 6:13 we are exhorted to put on the whole armour of God in order to be able to stand. You say, What is the whole armour? You might be surprised today to know just how many people do not know what is meant by the new birth. 2 Cor. 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." We are a new creature in Christ; He has saved us from the old things and the old life. The things we once loved we now hate, we have no desire to participate in them. Though we do not have on the whole armour, as we have just been saved by faith in the blood of Christ, we need to be sanctified through the blood, and filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4.

DANIEL—AN EXAMPLE

Realizing this is a Christian warfare, we need the whole armour to fight the battle. When the government sends out soldiers, they do not send them out half equipped, they must be in full armour. They would not last long on the battlefield without their armour and equipment. Even so, soldiers of the cross will not stand the testing times unless they are prepared. One thing about genuine salvation, it will always stand the test. We look at Daniel when he prayed and believed God would deliver him from the lions' den. You will notice even the old king said, "Thy God will deliver thee, whom thou servest continually." Daniel served God continuously. He didn't serve God part of the time and the world part of the time. Dan. 6:16.

Brother, if you want to walk with God and have God's blessings on your life, live as Daniel did. When the trials come, you will come out victorious. Daniel was rooted and was grounded and unmovable by the king's attitude; therefore, the king passed a very restless night and his sleep went from him, because God was moving to preserve Daniel. It was through faith that God delivered Daniel from the lions' den. God always recognizes faith.

Again we read in Daniel, 3rd chapter, where salvation was tried to the fullest extent. Nebuchadnezzar, the king, had made a golden image and had commanded everybody to bow down and worship this image. Thank God, there were three men left who had the old time religion which we often sing about. These three Hebrew children had been praying and calling on God. I don't believe they waited until trouble came to pray, but they called on God quite often, and when the testing time came, they had power to overcome. We recall the burning of Christians at the stake by Nero; they had a chance to recant and save their lives or be burned to death. The old time religion will take you through the pearly gates, thank God.

We are often reminded of the old chorus, "When the saints go marching in, I want to be in that number." If we want to be in that number, we must be completely surrendered to God. Eternal life is promised only to the overcomer. The Hebrew children overcame the test that the king had imposed on them, and they came out victorious. Brother, Sister, if we stand true to God, He will bring us out. He said He would not suffer us to be tempted above that which we were able to stand. The sufferings of this present world are not to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us.

PAUL—AN EXAMPLE

In Acts 27:27 we read of Paul's test, being at sea in a storm for fourteen days and nights. There were 275 persons on the ship besides Paul, and perhaps all were sinners. Just picture yourself for a moment out there on the sea in that storm and you the only Christian on board. How dark must have been this trying hour for Paul! Acts 27:20 says that there was neither sun nor stars appeared in many days. Paul had said an eternal yes to God, whether by life or death.

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The Engravings of the Church

By the Editor

INTRODUCTION

Engravings are used for various purposes; sometimes for beautifying; sometimes to portray character, or to reflect ownership as to manufacturer or individual owner. Engravings particularly reflect the wisdom and oftimes the purpose of the engraver.

TEXT: *"For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day,"* Zech. 3:9.

In the vision of the prophet, this stone may have seemed an ordinary stone, as part parcel of the temple restoration which was to follow; however, it is most likely that a profound, spiritual import is here had in reference. The prophet would not likely shift from the "Branch" in the preceding verse to a thing of less importance. The restoration of the spiritual kingdom rested in the "Branch" of verse eight. The stone could have signified nothing less, as is implied by Jehovah's promise to remove the iniquity of that land in one day, i.e., the millennium, a reference to the land and people of Israel yet future. The whole vision was one of prophetic import, the "Branch" was to be brought forth, the stone was to be graven; and the iniquity of the land removed. The stone may have referred to Christ as the redeemer; see Isa. 28:16; Psa. 118: 22; Matt. 21:42; Eph. 2:20, but no less to the kingdom over which Christ is to reign. There are those, however, who believe the stone referred not to Christ but to the spiritual kingdom of Israel. As to which of the two is meant is not particularly important, as the value of the prophecy lies not in the details, but in what results. God sanctified and sent His own Son into the world, full of grace and truth; who will, at His return, be the King of the restored Israel, and by whose death the iniquity of their land is yet to be removed. He is to be the foundation stone of both the Church and of Restored Israel, not only the foundation stone but also the chief cornerstone of both houses. He is head of the corner or class of both the Israelitish and church groups. To the one, He is King; to the other, He is the High Priest of their salvation, and what, in this respect, is common to one is also common to the other. Only in the economy of God does one differ from the other and not in their realities, see Rev. 21: 12:14. To the Church, He is Head; to Israel, He is also head; to both Israel and the Church, He is the capstone unto whom both will cry, "Grace, grace," amid shoutings of joy when He returns, (Zech. 4:7). To Israel, He is their High Priest now tarrying within the veil, waiting to show Himself to His ancient people again after they have accepted His atonement, Zech. 12:10; 13:1-9. Of the Church, He is High Priest of atonement and intercession, the Bridegroom of the bride. After He has come for His bride, He will also come to reign over His kingdom of Israel. These two events are, however, generally understood to be separated by a period of seven years known as the tribulation period. The ultimate outcome of redemption as affecting Israel and the Church is summarized in Revelation 21:12-14, 24.

WHILE HE WAITS

While Christ waits within the heavenly veil, the engravings of the Church are to be effected. The seven eyes upon the stone imply that the seven spirits of God are in watch over both Israel and the Church. (Compare 2 Chron. 16:8; Zech. 4:10 with Rev. 4:5-8; 5:6.) "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily," that in him should all fulness dwell," Col. 1:19. "And ye are complete in him, Col. 2:9. "For it pleased the Father which is the head of all principality and power," Col. 2:10. During the absence of Christ, we have an High Priest over the house of God, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, Heb. 8:1. Unto whom God has purposed that we may now have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him (Eph. 3:12) to the intent that we may know the love of Christ, which passeth all knowledge that ye might be filled with all the FULNESS of God. Let us, therefore, come unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Eph. 3:19, 20.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

There are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom, etc. What here follows is the divine order and provision for any local church or official gathering of any kind. It was never in the mind of God that the Church should become an institution simply manned by a pastor or group of men. The Church is designed of God to grow (1) into a holy temple of the Lord; (2) that in the Lord we are to be "builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit," Eph. 2:21, 22. Christ was not to be only the high priest over the house of God; but He was to have place "in the midst of the golden candlesticks" to function as a priest, Rev. 1:13. He was to hold the "stars" or, literally the messengers, or pastors, in His own hand. Ministers are to be subservient unto Christ who is the Head of the Church. The Church is not to be bound by dogmas or a mere creed; it is to be impelled by the Holy Ghost within the habitation of God for the purpose of supplying every need of the Church, either for the edification of its members, health or well-being in any way, as well as for the evangelization of the world, both at home and abroad. Nothing is left to mere human agencies, rather to the power and presence of Christ, who, through the Holy Ghost, has promised, "Lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world," Matt. 28:20.

A SPIRITUAL PATTERN

The Gifts of the Spirit, as mentioned in the twelfth chapter of First

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On and On

Chester E. Shuler

A woman whose name is seldom mentioned, if indeed it is known, went humbly about her duties, many years ago. She was a tract distributor. One day she managed to place a gospel tract where it fell under the eye of a young man named Richard Baxter. He read the tract and later was led to accept Christ—the tract's message, he later declared, having had much to do with his decision. Baxter became a devout Christian. He wrote a book entitled "A Call to the Unconverted," which brought many to know Christ as their Savior.

Among those who became Christians through reading Baxter's book was Philip Doddridge. He, in turn, wrote a book called "The Rise and Progress of Religion." This volume was greatly used of God and was instrumental in winning many to Christ, including the great Wilberforce.

Wilberforce later wrote "A Practical View of Christianity," which was the means of saving a multitude, including Legh Richmond, whose book, "The Dairyman's Daughter," caused many thousands to accept Christ after reading the great story.

But the unnamed lady who dropped the tract, so many years before, deserves credit for all of these mighty works of grace. Doubtless, she was one who felt she could not do much for the Lord—but evidently she did that which was possible, the very small thing which went on, and on, and on, through the years, to God's glory.

Are we missing any of these great —though seemingly small—chances to do something for Him? They are all about us. And we can never know, in this life, to what extent God can and will use our feeble effort for His glory.

"Just as Thou Art"

Chester E. Shuler

Recently, we came upon a very old hymn book. Its pages were yellow from age. Its covers were tattered and almost illegible. On a flyleaf was writing which tended to show that the book was used before 1865. It contained no music, just the words of the hymns.

Among the old selections we found this one:

Just As Thou Art

Just as thou art—without one trace
Of love, or joy, or inward grace,
Or meetness for the heavenly place,
O guilty sinner, come!

Thy sins I bore on Calvary's tree;
The stripes, thy due, were laid on Me,
That peace and pardon might be free—
O wretched sinner, come!

Come, leave thy burden at the cross;
Count all thy gains but empty dross.
My grace repays all earthy loss—
O needy sinner, come!

Come, hither bring thy boding fears,
Thy aching heart, thy bursting tears:
'Tis mercy's voice salutes thine ears;
O trembling sinner, come.

The Spirit and the bride say,"Come";
Rejoicing saints re-echo, "Come:"
Who faints, who thirsts, who will may come:
Thy Savior bids thee come!

Suggestive of Charlotte Elliott's beautiful hymn, "Just As I Am," this message *to* the sinner "Just As Thou Art" is interesting. Used in a gospel meeting, in connection with "Just As I Am," a splendid effect can be attained—singing alternate verses of both hymns. This is the invitation, the other the reply of the sinner.

I Will Make You Fishers of Men

Dear Co-workers with Him:

I have thought many times I would write you and ask your prayers for myself, and my three children. They are all grown now, and my daughters are both married. I have a son at home who will be twenty-one May 10, and he is supporting himself and me. I lost my baby, eighteen, September 19, 1944, on Peliliu Island, Pfc. James Lawrence Davies, U. S. M. C. R., Co. E, 2nd Bn., 7th Marines, 1st Division. He was killed in action. E. LeRoy Davies, at home, was sixteen months older than James. I lost their father August 19, 1927, in Oklahoma, and came to Phoenix October, 1927. They were all small. James was eleven months old.

I thank God for helping me rear my children. They have gone back into the world now, and I am asking Christians, who read this, to pray with me for them to be saved. I am standing on God's promises, for them to come back to God. I will be fifty-one, March 23. As a "living memorial" to my Marine son, I started the Arizona "Valley of the Sun Club," more for contacting and cheering the sick and afflicted. It is world-wide, as I write to people in every state in the United States, New Zealand, Iceland (service man has come home now), Australia, Canada, England, Alaska, India, Africa, Scotland, Panama Canal, Old Mexico, Cuba, Hawaii, and others.

I desire to contact all the shut-ins everywhere that I possibly can, and want their birth dates, so I can send them a birthday greeting, when their birthday comes. I send get-well cards to sick and afflicted, also. I also send sympathy cards to those losing a loved one. I write well people also.

My house is a "house of prayer," and I pray for those who desire my prayers, at my home (never too busy to pray with or for anyone who asks me to), and for those who send me their prayer requests. I visit the shut-ins in Phoenix in person, in hospitals, rest homes, T. B. sanatoriums, in their homes, wherever I find them. I make them feel comfortable or at ease, whatever way I find things in, and read the Bible to them, sing a song, or play my harmonica, kneel and have prayer and leave them my tract I wrote, the poem I dedicated to my Marine son, and other circulars of the things I take orders for, and leave them with a cheery "good-bye," and a smile.

Believe me, I have made a soul happy, and sometimes given them new courage to press on, and have more faith in God. Praise His wonderful name forever! All praise, all honor, and glory be to Him. I am only an instrument in God's hands, to bring glory to His great name. I never have time to get lonesome, downhearted, or despondent any more. I am so busy, I even write until 1 A. M. and later, sometimes in the morning, trying to help someone who has asked me to help him. I need wisdom and power to do the things I have to do. This is really a home missionary and tract evangelist work I am doing.

I am a member of the Church of God here in Phoenix. I have done this work, though, long before I put my membership into the Church of God. I teach a class of little girls and boys, six to nine years of age. I usually have twelve in class. My oldest shut-in is

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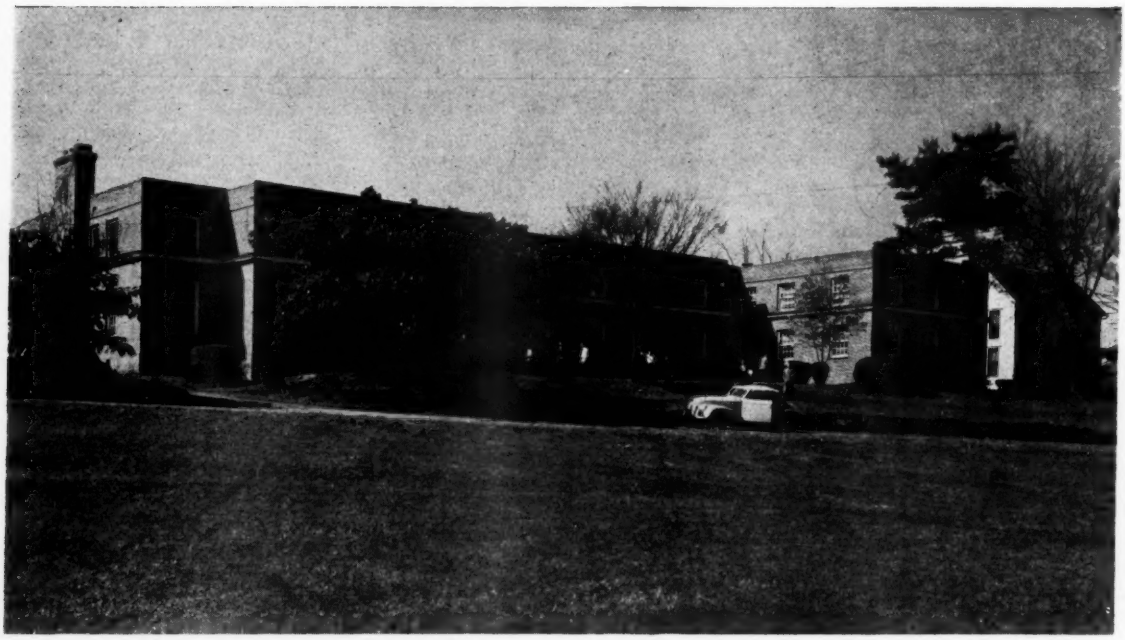
SUMMER TERM BIBLE

MEN'S DORMITORY



This is a two-story brick building providing every needed convenience. All the rooms have been newly painted and many of them were refurnished during the last term. Each room has two well-ventilated wardrobes.

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FIRST SEMESTER

Registration	June 1
Classes begin	June 3
Semester ends	July 5

SECOND SEMESTER

Registration	July 5
Classes begin	July 6
Commencement exercises	Aug. 9
School closes	Aug. 10

EXPENSES PER SEMESTER

Registration Fee		$ 5.00
Tuition:	High School	16.25
	Christian Workers	16.25
	College	21.25
Room and Board		31.50
Private Music lessons (each)		1.00

ACADEMIC CREDIT

High School—You may earn two units by attending ten weeks. This is equivalent to one semester's work (four and one-half months) of the regular term.

Christian Workers—You may earn sixteen hours by attending ten weeks. This is equivalent to one semester's work of the regular term.

College—You may earn sixteen hours by attending ten weeks. This is equivalent to one semester's work of the regular term.

SUBJECTS TAUGHT

High School

English II	Typing I
English III	American History
English IV	Problems of Democracy
Algebra I	Sociology
Algebra II	Theory I

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

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This modern building, arranged for comfort and convenience, is large, well lighted and heated, and adequately furnished throughout. Each room has two large closets and some have connecting baths. A large, attractive lobby is the meeting place for many interesting lectures and friendly gatherings.

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Missions
Bible Atlas
Old Testament
Personal Evangelism
Teachers Training
Theory I

College

Typing 211-221 (Beginners)
English Literature 211-212
Mathematics of Business 121-122
Elementary Theory and Sight Singing 111-112

MUSIC (Private Lessons)

Piano, Wind Instruments, Violin

SCHOOL CALENDAR

FIRST SEMESTER

Registration—8:00 a. m., Auditorium	June 1
Classes Begin	June 3
Examinations	July 2, 3
School Picnic	July 4
Semester Ends	July 5

SECOND SEMESTER

Registration—8:00 a. m., Auditorium	July 5
Classes Begin	July 6
Examinations	Aug. 7, 8
Commencement Exercises	Aug. 9
School Closes	Aug. 10

For Further Information Write

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Sevierville, Tenn.

B.T.S. SPEAKS

Bro. Carroll Speaks

Brother Leonard Carroll, pastor of the Church of God at Greer, South Carolina, conducted a revival at B.T.S. from Friday, March 8, through Sunday, March 17. Brother Carroll has been a member of the Church of God only about five years. He is twenty-five years old and was this year ordained a bishop in the Church. His father died when he was very small and he was reared by his mother, who died several years ago. He has had to fight for his education, but has made good in every school that he has attended. He was honored in being the president of his High School Senior Class, and during that year was the highest ranking high school senior in the State of South Carolina. He won the Duke Endowment Scholarship and went to Furman University. Brother Carroll is Youth Director for the State of South Carolina, is a great preacher, and has a personality admired by all who know him.

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Words From Students on Our Revival

The sentiment of the student body of B.T.S. during the revival week can best be expressed in these words of the psalmist David, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

A number of students prayed through to victory and a goodly number were filled with the Holy Ghost.

It would be humanly impossible for anyone to place an estimate on, or in any way try to evaluate the good that was accomplished during this revival.

Time and eternity cannot erase the impressions left on the hearts and minds of believers by the dynamic, yet simple, delivery of the principles of Christian living by our evangelist, Brother Carroll.

Our hearts were inspired and our determination was renewed to press on to greater and more glorious victories in the name of Him who hath redeemed us, as we listened to the soul-stirring challenge to think on the deeper things of God and to put first things first.

Brother Carroll helped us to realize that too many of us have been placing emphasis on the wrong things in life and have been "majoring in minors" rather than using our abilities and our opportunities in obtaining for ourselves and for others the very best God has to offer.

Brother Carroll's life and preaching gave us students of B.T.S. a challenge to claim our inheritance in these coming days, and made us to know that the hardest places of life's experiences are God's greatest opportunities and faith's mightiest challenge.

Last, we were made to realize that higher education need not and must not become a substitute for spirituality, but through both education and spirituality we can win the world to Christ.—Helen Blackwell.

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The Bible School has once again feasted at the great table of God as Brother Carroll spread before us the manna from above. Night after night and chapel service after chapel service we ate of the living bread and drank from the well that never runs dry.

Brother Carroll has been a great blessing to us during this revival. We appreciate his inspirational messages, and he not only caused our souls to be blessed now but he has given us something that will help us in many years to come.

One of the outstanding nights of the revival was faculty night. The faculty had charge of the service and they furnished us with trios, quartets, solos and instrumental numbers, all composed of the faculty. Each one gave his favorite Bible verse and a short testimony. Every member of the faculty has old time religion and it blessed our hearts to hear them tell of their experience with God.

During the ten-day revival several were saved and some received the Holy Ghost, and all the Christians renewed their covenant with God to "Live more like Him and to work more earnestly that everyone may be partakers of the fullness of God's blessings."—Margareta Poulos.

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The students of Bible Training School now feel as the flowers, grass and trees, after God has sent down the rain; refreshed. God has given us a wonderful revival and much has been accomplished for His glory. God's presence has hovered over the school, in a special way, for the last ten days.

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Brother Carroll has been a great blessing to the student body and the faculty. His messages fed hungry souls, sent conviction to the hearts of sinners, and gave faith to those who were seeking the Lord. He had a message for every heart.

His inspiring sermons, such as, "Is It Well With Thee?" "The Touch of the Master's Hand," and "Majoring in Minors" will live on and on in the hearts and minds of every student. Many of our homiletic students have their notebooks filled with his vivid and lifelike illustrations.

His messages struck the silent chord, and praises of God could be heard all over Bible School. It seemed for several days that even the halls and

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An Altar Scene

REPORTS *From the Field*

Greetings From High Point, N. C.

HIGH POINT, N. C.—We are still reporting the good blessings of Jesus. He is truly a wonderful Savior.

Sunday night, March 3, we had a wonderful service. The young people put on a very good orphanage program and then raised a good offering for the little orphan children. Afterward, there were six people who came forward and testified to the complete healing of their bodies. One was a man who was paralyzed completely on one side. The saints had prayed for him in one of our cottage prayer meetings, and before the service was over he was able to put on his own shoes, something he had not been able to do in months. After these testimonies, the power fell and we really had an old-fashioned, Holy-Ghost meeting.

We are in a building program here; we are enlarging the auditorium and adding six Sunday School rooms. They are badly needed because our Sunday School is really growing.

We ask your prayers, that God will continue to bless us.—Frances Walker, reporter.

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Charleston, S. C., Enjoying Blessings of the Lord

CHARLESTON, S. C.—The church of God, Charleston, S. C., is happy to report the unusual outpouring of God's blessings upon us since the beginning of the present Assembly year. Brother L. W. McIntyre returned to us as pastor, after having served two years as state overseer of South Carolina and one year as state overseer of Georgia, and was warmly welcomed by his many friends and members, who came to his support wholeheartedly.

'Tis said, "In union there is strength," and this is being clearly demonstrated in our midst. A building program is well under way, and very shortly our pastor will be able to move into a fine, new parsonage. This is a faith program, and God is wonderfully supplying our needs. After the parsonage is completed, the Lord willing, we will begin remodelling our church and converting the present parsonage into Sunday School rooms, which we are sorely in need of, and especially so since the revivals we have had so far this year have resulted in fifty-seven members being added to the church.

The first revival of the year was conducted by three ministers; namely, Rev. E. W. Hunter, Rev. L. O. Peck, and Rev. Carl Cox. It was a great success and the beginning of a great spiritual awakening. This was followed by a revival conducted by Sister Florence Kinsley, and God graciously opened the windows of heaven and poured out such a blessing that we were scarcely able to receive it. This revival lasted eight weeks, with the Spirit having free course in our midst the entire time. Many of the church members were revived and set on fire for God, others were reclaimed. There were sixty-one saved, twenty-eight sanctified, twenty-four baptized with the Holy Ghost, and thirty-eight added to the church. Truly, we are praising God for His wonderful love and goodness to us.

We are now in the midst of another revival, with Rev. Hoyt Odum as evangelist, and God is still wonderfully blessing us. The altars are filled practically every service and someone being blessed continuously. There were five additions to the church the first week of this revival. We had a baptismal service on the banks of the creek this morning and twenty-five were baptized.

Pray for us that God will continue to bless, and that the new converts may become rooted and grounded in the Word, and that we may all work together for the upbuilding of His kingdom.—Mrs. H. C. Glenn, reporter.

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Good News From Shrewsbury

SHREWSBURY, W. Va. — We truly praise the Lord for the way He is blessing in our Y.P.E. here at Shrewsbury. We have a fine group of young people who are not afraid to put their shoulder to the wheel and work.

For the first week of March, we had an attendance of ninety-two, the second and third weeks, fifty-five, and the fourth week, forty-eight.

A group of our juniors got together, and for one night raised a mission offering of $50.34.

We are in the midst of a contest, which is proving a blessing to our Y.P.E. and our youth.

Please pray that we will all be greater workers for the Lord.—Beulah Lane, president.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

(Continued from page 2)

My healing of diabetes and other trouble. Theory Cain, Rt. 1, Bethlehem, Ga.

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The healing of my father.—Mrs. Roy Vannoy, 427 Dry St., East Alton, Ill.

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The Lord to heal me. My knee is out of place.—Rev. M. S. Mitchell, 327½ E. Marion St., Nashville, Ga.

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My healing of a number of ailments. —Lois Pounds, Box 1698, Corpus Christi, Tex.

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The complete healing of my body, D. V.—Mary Lemaster, Gen. Del., Snyder, Okla.

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The Lord to heal my eyes of cataracts, I am trusting Him for my healing; a neighbor.—Mrs. Annie Wilson, 650 Avenue G., Pratt City, Birmingham 8, Ala.

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I am a little girl nine years old. My mother takes the Evangel and I read it every week. I want the people to help me pray for my grandmother, Mrs. M. D. Moon, and a very dear friend of ours, Mrs. Clark Ables, who has been in bed for a year.—Sincerely, Emily Francis Almond, Canon, Ga.

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My healing of diabetes, high blood pressure and several other ailments.—Mrs. Dewey Dew, Watson, Ark.

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The Lord to undertake for my son. —Mrs. M. Hood, 102 W. Main St. Statesboro, Ga.

Mother's Day Pins

We offer a beautiful metallic lithus Mother's Day pin in white carnation with a three-color border; also a red carnation of four colors. Orders should be about 40 per cent for white carnations and 60 per cent for red. We were unable to fill the demand last year for these pins, and have only a limited number this year. Order at once.

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ROSMAN, N. C.—The Lord is blessing in Rosman. We just closed a very successful revival conducted by Rev. T. V. McCormick, pastor at Hendersonville, N. C. There were thirteen saved, three sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Please pray for the work here.—R. C. Sansbury, pastor.

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I was called to Bessemer City, N. C., February 9 for a revival, and God blessed in an old time way. The altar filled almost every night. We went on three weeks during which time there were forty-two saved, twenty-one sanctified, nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve added to the church, and twelve baptized in water. The revival closed with the Lord's Supper and feet washing.—Ed Johnson, evangelist, 625 7th St., Bristol, Tenn.

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DONALSONVILLE, Ga.—South Mt. Zion Church of God has closed a three and one-half weeks' revival with Sister Mildred Griffin and Sister Gloria Griffin doing the preaching. The Lord surely blessed; one night they did not get to preach, the Lord blessed in such a wonderful way. Five were saved, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and sinners got interested as never before. I believe seed were sown that will bear fruit in the near future.

I thank the Lord for our pastor, Rev. Dewey Hair, his wife and son. He surely worked hard last year; he has refloored the church and built a new altar. It is much warmer now.

I praise the Lord for healing my body; praise Him for the way our church was revived. Pray that it will be a soul-saving station until Jesus comes. Pray that I will stay true to the Lord.—Mrs. R. A. White.

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VALDOSTA, Ga.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival at Swilley's Tabernacle. One was reclaimed and the church revived. The Lord blessed in a great way. Sisters Eloise Brantley and Catherine Croft did the preaching.—Pastor, Jona Ritter.

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GRANITE FALLS, N. C.—Sister B. J. Hillhouse closed the most successful revival in the history of the Church of God at Granite Falls, N. C. It was four weeks of victorious battle.

We appreciate the work Sister Hillhouse is doing in North Carolina. Her love and soul-winning spirit was felt by every one who attended the services. Twenty-six were saved, eighteen sanctified, and thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost. During the revival Sister Hillhouse felt impressed to raise our orphanage quota. She started it and God truly got in it and we went over the top. The revival spirit is still on; God is still blessing. Pray for us.—Pastor, H. D. Sustar.

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OAK GROVE, La.—We have just closed a revival here with nineteen saved, eighteen sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, and ten added to the church. The church is revived and every department of the church is growing, for which we praise God.

Bro. Alonzo Wright did the preaching for us in the revival. He is a man of God, and really did some straight preaching. Pray for us here at Forest, that God will continue to bless us.—Rev. Fred Lord, Rt. 3, Box 230B.

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We have just closed our third revival with Derosa Hunt, of Blacksburg, S. C., doing the preaching. The results of this two weeks' revival were nine saved, two sanctified, two baptized with the Holy Ghost, and three good, tithe-paying, loyal, new members uniting with the church.

We have had three good revivals since the Assembly, with great preachers as our evangelists. We have taken in twelve new members during the past two months. This church is on fire and going places. We shout in our services like our early churches used to do. This church has some of the finest people that can be found anywhere, and it also has one of the finest pastors that can be found anywhere. We just thank and praise God for a God-sent, Holy-Ghost-filled, Spirit-led pastor like we have. He just preaches the gospel as it is written.

This church is reaching out for greater things. Come on, Churches of God, and we will put the work over for the Lord.—Mary Waldrop, clerk.

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MALLORY, W. Va.—The Lord gave us a successful revival at Mallory, W. Va., with nine saved, four sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water, and eight added to the church. The evangelist was Rev. W. S. Ross. He did some real, soul-stirring preaching.

Brother Ross began preaching at eighteen years of age and has been a successful evangelist. He has heart trouble, and there was a time when he could run only about two or three revivals a year. Feeling discouraged, he failed to renew his evangelist's certificate. He was appointed state evangelist of West Virginia two different times, but, owing to ill health, he declined.—H. L. Marcum, pastor.

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ASHEVILLE, N. C.—We thank God for the good revival we have just closed here at Woodfin, which lasted for three weeks, Rev. J. W. Cannon doing the preaching. He really preached the old time gospel. The church was greatly blessed. The power of the Holy Ghost was so great in some of the services the preacher didn't have to preach. The church says it was the best revival Woodfin has had for some time. Twelve were saved, nine sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church.

Pray for us at Woodfin.—Mrs. H. E. O'Ham, reporter, Box 1722.

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Greetings in Jesus' name. The Lord has been so good to us here in Pratt City, and I know you people will rejoice to hear this good news. We have just closed a great revival with Rev. Billy Sunday Myers, evangelist. It hasn't been so long since it was said Pratt City couldn't have a revival. We had a five weeks' revival and the good Spirit of God is still with us. Since the revival started, there have been forty-three added to the church, thirty-five saved, eighteen sanctified, and seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost. God is still blessing in a wonderful way.

We truly thank the Lord for our pastor, Bro. Burle Sumner. He is truly a man of God. Every member really appreciates him.

Pray that God will continue to bless and be with us.—Emily Franklin, reporter, 717 6th Way P. C., Birmingham 8, Ala.

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SCHOOLFIELD, Va.—On March 3, Rev. C. J. Hester and wife started a revival, and it lasted three weeks, with twenty-two saved, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirty-two added to the church. This is one of the best revivals that has been here in many years.

We thank the Lord for our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Roy Douglas. They are doing a great work.—Mrs. H. W. Beggerly, 81 Jackson Ave.

TESTIMONIES

I Trust the Lord for My Healing

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Dear Evangel Readers, I praise the Lord for His great healing power. I have been a member of the Church of God three years. I haven't taken a dose of medicine since I became a member. I trust the Lord for the healing of my body. I was healed of gall bladder trouble about three years ago. I had a stroke of paralysis last week, was in a very serious condition. We called Brother James H. Clark, our pastor, at the West Nashville Church of God. He came, and prayed for me, and I was instantly healed. We gave God the praise; also praise God for righteous men like our pastor.—Mrs. Kate Hill, 6109 Pennsylvania Ave., W.

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His Healing Power Is Real

MARKED TREE, Ark.—I praise and thank God for His great goodness and mercy to me, and for the many blessings that come my way. Truly, I thank Him for his wonderful healing power.

I sent a request some time ago to the Church of God prayer room, and through the prayers of the good saints, God has wonderfully touched my body, but I do not feel I am completely healed of asthma or arthritis, but, praise God, He did completely remove the choking in my throat, which I believe to be a goitre. Praise His name!

He has healed me many times, one time when the doctor gave me up. He healed me last August of T. B. Oh, I love Him so! I mean to go the last mile of the way with Him, regardless of the cost.

I ask your prayers that I will be healed completely, according to His will.—Mrs. Marie Ray.

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I Accepted Our Great Physician

ALBEMARLE, N. C.—Greetings in the name of Jesus. Oh, how I praise our heavenly Father and loving Savior for the great miracle that has come my way through His love and mercy! I am glad today for the peace that abides in my soul. I thank God for being saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I am truly glad for God's great healing power.

We just closed a two weeks' revival here at the Church of God, with Rev. D. R. Robinson, of Asheboro, N. C., as the evangelist.

I thank God for sparing my life until He saved my soul. I was a Christian once and lived true to the Lord for a while, then I went back into sin. I can truly say that at times I was miserable. Time after time I felt the Spirit of God calling me, but I wasn't ready to give up my habits. Then God chastened me by paralyzing my left arm for about three weeks, and the doctors said I may never use it again, for the nerve was dead.

Then came the time that I came to the crossroads of life. I either had to accept God or the devil. Praise our Savior, I accepted our great Physician, who has never lost a case. After service, I asked our good pastor, Brother Connor, and several more of our brother preachers to pray and anoint me with oil. I believed God would heal my arm. I had already told God I was going to serve Him if He never healed my arm. They anointed me and prayed for me; God instantly touched me and healed me and I lifted both hands into the air and praised God. I couldn't even move my fingers before.

Please pray for me that I will get so humble that God can use me anywhere, any time He sees fit. My heart's desire is to live humble, stand true, and press forward. Pray for me. —Mrs. Johnlyn Bolton Corne, 1303 Wood St.

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Someone Prayed the Prayer of Faith

SNYDER, Okla.—I am glad to sound a note of praise to all the Evangel readers for the glory of God, and to thank each one of you who prayed for my sister while she was in the hospital and was burned severely. The doctor said there was little chance for her, but I said "There's nothing impossible with God," and I began to pray and ask for prayer.

I received letters, tracts and anointed cloths for her, which helped very much. When we looked at her, it didn't seem possible that she could live, and the doctor said she would be in the hospital for some time, but I want to tell you, some one prayed the power down, and she came out of there in five weeks, and is walking today, although some of her joints are rather stiff yet.

I know God is all powerful and knows all about it. She is a sinner, but she said when she got able to drive the car, nothing would matter any more on Sunday morning but for her and her children to go to Sunday School.

Oh friends, I'll tell you, it seems that it has to take some terrible things sometimes to get some people away from the world and make them realize that they need God in their lives. But, oh, the Lord is blessed! He is so wonderful and good to us when we serve Him and look to Him, and that's what He wants us to do, serve Him instead of the world.

I've been in this good way of holiness way for twelve years, and the way grows sweeter every day. I have the full blessing, and thank God for it. I think every person should have the Holy Ghost in these trying times in which we are living. I realize that it is going to take something to stand in the last days when the enemy is on every hand fighting God's work. Isn't it wonderful to know that we have a God who is able to save our souls and heal our bodies when we get sick? The Lord is so good to every one. He hears and answers prayer. His ears are always open to our cries. He knows just what we need even before we ask Him.

Friend, it's blessed to have Jesus in our lives, and walk and talk for Him. It's a blessed life, a sure way. Thank God forever! My desire is to travel this straight and narrow way with my blessed Redeemer all the way to glory.

The Lord has done many things for us since I've learned to trust in Him, and He has healed our babies many times. Oh, I can say from the bottom of my heart that He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother, one who will go all the way with us, if we will only let Him. Praise His blessed name forever! God bless every reader.

Please pray for my complete healing if it be God's will.—Your sister in the Lord and in the good old Church of God, Mary Lemaster, Gen. Del.

It is all right to have your own way provided you have accepted God's way as your own.

We are never afraid to criticize, but we have almost forgotten to adore.—*G. H. Morrison.*

A TRIED RELIGION

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By Paul's having faith in God, we find that He sent an angel who stood by Paul and comforted his heart saying, "Fear not, Paul, I am with you." It is a wonderful thing to realize that God is with us, no matter how hard the test.

JOB—AN EXAMPLE

Old Brother Job had trials and tests. The Word of God tells us that he was a perfect man, and upright, one who feared God and eschewed evil. Job 1:1. We see so many people today who are Christians by name, having their names on some church record. There is a certain class of people in the Bible we read about who doubtless had their names on some church record. Jesus called them scribes and Pharisees, but we find in admonishing His disciples that He said except their righteousness exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees that they should in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Often we hear people say that the devil never bothers them, but perhaps he already has them in his clutches and he isn't worrying much about them. He is after those who are getting away from him. The Lord reminded Satan of the fact that there was none like Job. If we are a Christian, the old devil is going to come around sometime and try out our spirituality. The apostle Paul said that all who live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. So each of us will have our share, but God will furnish the grace. The devil told the Lord that Job was just serving Him because He had blessed him; however, the Lord knew Job was serving Him because he loved Him, and Job proved to the devil that the old time religion was real.

Let us look at Paul and Silas in jail; their religion was being tried of what sort it was. They didn't go about with a long face feeling sorry for themselves because they had been serving God, but right away they had an old-fashioned prayer meeting. About midnight when they were singing praises unto God, the prisoners heard them. Then God heard their prayers and deliver them, and the keeper of the jail came, saying, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" A tried religion brings results, if we stand true.

Probably you have been going through a trying time, perhaps it may seem that everything is wrong, even in the Church. You become discouraged and feel that you are standing alone, at the darkest hour. In your experience with God, you are looking at someone who has shipwrecked and gone back on God, whom you had the utmost confidence in. There comes a testing time in everyone's life. You may pray, yet it may seem the heavens are made of brass. You may feel that God has withdrawn from you, but remember, when the Children of Israel were marching down to the Red Sea, Pharaoh and his army were behind, the Red Sea in front of them. They had gone the last mile, so to speak. Their faith was tried and still they believed in God. God came on the scene, parted the old Red Sea and they crossed on dry land. There may come a time when God would have us stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.

Jesus went through trying times while on earth. We remember that Jesus had a purpose when He said, "I must needs go through Samaria." The Bible specified He was weary over His journey. We picture Him as He sat on the well: He was tired and weary, but He had a purpose at heart. Picture Jesus when He was tried in Pilate's Judgment Hall, how He was scoffed at, yet He stood true to His Father. We see Him again as He hung on the cross when He called, "My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" At the point of death, this must have been a dark hour, it seemed that God was at a distance in His life.

If you haven't felt the presence of God recently, perhaps your faith is being tried. Have you searched your life? If you have, and find nothing between you and God, Paul says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit, for the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."

I am ready to rise to meet Jesus in the air, have victory in my soul and watching for Him to return with a shout.

The trying of faith is more precious that gold.

B. T. S. SPEAKS

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campus were sanctified and holy, because you could feel the power of God wherever you went.

There were about twenty-five definite experiences, and fourteen of these were filled with the Holy Ghost. God has answered prayer, and as we meet one of our new brothers or sisters in Christ a praise will spring from our hearts that is beyond our control.

Yes, there is victory at B. T. S., for God has sent down His blessings and we are refreshed. We have ten more weeks of school, but many of us are longing to go out into this world and tell the story we have heard—"Jesus saves."

As a student body, we are proud of our school, President, and our faculty. We are happy that our school is the Church of God Bible Training School and College. It is our motto and aim, "Take time to be holy and lift up Christ to a dying world."—Lula Hudson.

I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN

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ninety-three years old. I forgot there is one who is nearly ninety-seven. Some of them I answer their mail for them and read their letters to them, cash their old-age pension checks for then, oh, different things. Any way I can help the aged, sick, or handicapped person, that is what I want to do. "Only one life, 'twill SOON be past; Only what's done for CHRIST will last!" Pray for me, please.

I have no organization, club, person, group of persons, church, or I don't have a job to finance my shut-in work.

I put all profits from the things I take orders for, and what fees I take in for my Notary Public work, and what God lays on the hearts of the people to send me, is how I keep going. It is a faith work. God called me into this work, and I am His child, so it is up to God to finance it and keep it going. I have not worried about it. When the last stamp is used, and the last dime is gone, here comes a letter with some help—maybe a dime, a quarter, or maybe a dollar. I love the work and keep mighty busy all the time.

To give you some idea of how many letters I mail in one month's time: I mailed 800 in November, 800 in December, already over 200 in February, and no telling how many I will mail yet, but several hundred, I know.—Mrs. Vivian Erma Davies.

Remember, young woman, that the man attracted by cosmetics isn't worth attracting.

A half-truth and a whole lie are congenial companions.

Movie-mad parents will have movie-mad children.

THE ENGRAVINGS OF THE CHURCH

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Corinthians, is the spiritual pattern for the church of all time. The only reason why these gifts are not more in manifestation today, is because few churches allow any time for the operation of the Spirit within the program of the church There are partial manifestations of these gifts. These, however, could be, and most assuredly should be, increased in both quantity and quality. These gifts are not something handed out on a platter to certain individuals, either self-styled models or to those who are wiser than others. Gifts of the Spirit are, according to 1 Cor. 12:7, a manifestation of the Spirit; they are a making known of both the power and presence of the Holy Ghost in divers forms of "administration" as a means of supply of spiritual help and edification. The presence of the Spirit in our services is the only way spiritual gifts will be given. They are not a common "cash and carry" stock; they are given to the church through consecrated members who have the Holy Ghost; and who in turn live close enough to the Lord for Him to manifest His Spirit through them. The Spirit will not impart spiritual gifts or helps to either a church or an individual given to criticisms and fault-finding. There must be a definite appraisal on the value of souls and the truth of God's Word, so that "no flesh can glory" in the presence of God. Much of our preaching and all too great a portion of our worship is empty and void of the spiritual purpose of God. As a result, people attending our services are disappointed and the Spirit grieved. We need a thorough yielding up to God and a very definite consecration ere the Holy Ghost can use the ministry and membership of the church. Healings, tongues and interpretations are so scarce and shallow among us that we are open oftentimes to ridicule for lack of fulfillment of our claims along this line.

I am not saying that God does not heal some among us; I am not saying other gifts are not scarcely on display; what I am saying is simply that we are crowding the Holy Spirit out because we do not take time for prayer and to wait upon God for the presence and operation of the Spirit. A fairly good preacher and a good choir can stage a very religious-looking service, which, if examined for true apostolic character, would be found to be lacking in "atomic" avoirdupois and quality from start to finish. The Church and the world were never so hungry for a new vision of God. Atomic bombs and peace conferences without prayer can never supply the aching void and soul hunger of the world today. Only a powerful gospel of signs and wonders will sufficiently arouse the wayward until they will arise and be saved. The true character of Christ within the church will be revealed by and through the Holy Ghost and its gifts, and not by flowery preaching. Preaching is a necessity but void of its true purpose, if it is all preaching without spiritual accompaniment. The signs, as mentioned in Mark sixteenth chapter, were God's promise of tangible evidence for a sin-laden and unbelieving world. The Holy Ghost with His gifts and grace is God's provision for the fulfillment of His promises. The manifestation of the Spirit within the church is the agency at work, making true engravings and display of Christ the Saviour of the world. These are the divine impressions, from which must come spiritual expressions incident to the development and progress of Christianity.

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